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SUBJ: NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING

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BEGIN SUMMARY: MISSION SUGGESTS THAT, IN ADDITION TO PRE-SENTING HIS EXPECTED REMARKS ON RETARGETING/LIMITED STRATEGIC OPTIONS, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CONSIDER DISCUSSING U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE IN EUROPE, TACTICAL NUCLEAR DOCTRINE, AND NEED FOR IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS, DURING COURSE OF BERGEN NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. AGENDA FOR BERGEN NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING ON JUNE 11-12 IS NOW SET, AND PROVIDES FRAMEWORK FOR PROFITABLE DISCUSSION BY MINISTERS OF A VARIETY OF NUCLEAR PLANNING MATTERS. MISSION WILL PROVIDE WASHINGTON WITH COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS AFTER PERMREPS DISCUSSION ON MAY 16 OF THEIR REPORTS FOR MINISTERS. MISSION SUGGESTS THAT, IN ADDITION TO HIS REMARKS ON INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS, SECDEF CONSIDER ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING:

A. RETARGETING/LIMITED STRATEGIC OPTIONS. WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE (REF. (A)) THAT CURRENT PLANS CALL FOR THE SECRETARY TO CONFIDENTIAL

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SPEAK TO THIS QUESTION IN BERGEN. PERMREPS WILL ON MAY 16 HAVE HADA SESSION ON THIS SUBJECT, AND MAY HAVE POSED SOME QUESTIONS WHICH THE SECRETARY WILL WISH TO COMMENT ON.

B. U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE IN EUROPE. THERE HAS BEEN PRESS SPECULATION THAT THE U.S. MAY BE PLANNING REDUCTIONS OR MODIFICATIONS IN OUR TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE. THE BERGEN MEETING WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO ELABORATE ON THE POINT WHICH HE HAS MADE (REF. (C)) THAT THE NUMBER OF U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS HERE IS NOT "IMMUTABLE," AND TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION WITH OUR ALLIES ON ANY CHANGES WHICH WE MAY HAVE IN MIND.

C. TACTICAL NUCLEAR DOCTRINE. AS MISSION HAS PREVIOUSLY POINTED OUT (REF. (D)), THE U.S. HAS TOLD ITS ALLIES THAT WE SHOULD IMPROVE OUR TACTICAL NUCLEAR DOCTRINE, WITHOUT BEING MORE SPECIFIC. IF WE HAVE PARTICULAR CHANGES IN MIND, BERGEN WOULD BE A GOOD PLACE TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF BRINGING THE ALLIES AROUND TO THOSE VIEWS.

D. NEED FOR IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS. INVIEW OF THE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE OF GOOD COMMUNICATIONS TO THE NUCLEAR CONSULTATION AND RELEASE PROCESS, IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR THE SECRETARY TO POINT OUT AT BERGEN THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SERIOUS SLIPPAGE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF NICS, WHICH MUST BE REVERSED. HE COULD EMPHASIZE THAT, WITHOUT ADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS, THE NUCLEAR DETERRENT WOULD BE WEAKENED, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED, AND CHANCES OF LIMITING A NUCLEAR CONFLICT WOULD DECREASE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON REACTION TO ABOVE SUGGESTIONS. RUMSFELD

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